The Spirit of Willa Rawlins

Don't be sad for my departure, I only came to meet you.
Although life has not been easy by choice or fate; I wanted more time with you, but it was too late.

When God saw me becoming tired, and with no cure around, he softly whispered to me, to come home to receive my golden crown.

If you ever stop to ponder why we must part; it really doesn't matter because you will forever, remain in my heart.

God reached his arms down to receive me, I displayed a smile; that is the moment I knew, I only had a short while. I took this second to look back, and waved my arms with love; shortly thereafter, I quickly rose above.

Although it seems my life is done, I am now with my elder loved ones, and so life have just begun…so please… please wipe your tears; because I have risen into the divine atmosphere

Author, Cynthia Graham Ward



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May God Bless and Keep You!
The Rawlins Family

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In Loving Memory



Willa Mae Rawlins

December, 17, 1920 – November 24, 2018

Order of Service

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT – The 23rd Psalm

NEW TESTAMENT – John:14

Selection

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Obituary Reading

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Recessional

Rev. Ralph T. Grant

Obituary

Mrs. Willa Mae Rawlins resided in Newark, New Jersey for most of her life before spending the remainder of her days in various retirement homes in Pennsylvania She passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at the age of 97.

She worked at numerous jobs and was always lauded for her proficiency in short hand, stenography and typing. These were talents that had guided her throughout her professional life in positions such as hearing stenographer for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, up to her final positions as the Office Manager of the Patent Law department at ITT International, located in Clifton, New Jersey. On of her most distinguished awards was given to her by the Essex County Executive, Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and the Essex County Division on Aging, highlighting her writing talents in the Annual Essex County Senior Citizen Legacies Writing Contest. Most notably, while a woman small in stature, she was a giant in collaborating with women to assist them in the proper presentation of papers and theses, in pursuit of degrees and in their professions. She was known for her excellence in the written word and she shared that gift with others extensively.

Willa was born to parents, Ralph and Emma Hall on December 17, 1920 in Rowan County, Salisbury, North Carolina in Newark, New Jersey. In 1947, she married Samuel E. Rawlins

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Willa is survived by immediate family, her son, Keith Rawlins; Daughter in Law, Sylvia C. Rawlins and her much beloved Grandson, John David Rawlins. She is also survived by her niece Shirley H. Frasier and her Grand Niece Desiree Grey and her Grand Nephew Alpheus Hall and their families.

In addition, she leaves behind scores of beloved friends and relatives whom she loved so dearly and attempted to assist them in any way she could. Her advice was always invaluable.

Memorial Services for Mrs. Willa H. Rawlins will be held on Saturday, December 1st, 2018 at Tabernacle Baptist Church of Newark, NJ. 675 So. 20th Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103. The services will commence at 11:00AM.